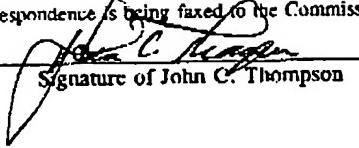


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## PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant : Hans-Peter Foser et al  
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## AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action of March 16, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on the following page entitled Amendments to the claims and are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on that page.

Remarks/Arguments begin on the following page entitled Remarks/Arguments.